

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action of March 30, 2009, has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Claims 1, 20, 27 and 31-33 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claim 19 has been cancelled and incorporated into claim 1. Claims 1-18, 20-38, 40 and 41 are pending in this application. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges and thanks the Office for the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 19. The Office notes at page 42 that claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 but is not rejected under prior art.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1-19, 31-33, 36-38, 40 and 41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 31 and 33 to be in a more preferred form, thus rendering this rejection moot.

Claims 2-18, 38, 40 and 41 are dependent on claim 1, claims 32 and 36 are dependent on claim 31 and claim 37 is dependent on claim 33 and are thus allowable for at least the same reasons as their respective base claims.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-19, 38, 40 and 41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In particular, the Office Action objects to the feature of querying the user to identify at least one corresponding user-selected workflow process parameter as not being supported by the Specification. Applicant respectfully disagrees and directs the Office's attention to at least p. 10, para. [0050] of Applicant's originally filed Specification which states "[t]hen, by clicking on a right mouse button, the user is presented with a drop-down menu 802 pertaining to the selected text. The user selects one or more functions from the drop-down menu 802, which permit the user to specify process workflow parameters

associated with the selected text.” Clearly, presenting/displaying the drop-down menu 802 may be considered querying the user to identify at least one corresponding user-selected workflow process parameter. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 31, 32 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 31, upon which claims 32 and 36 depend, has been amended to be in a more preferred form thus rendering this rejection moot.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 10-18, 20-28, 31, 33-38, 40 and 41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Zhou *et al.* (U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2003/0018481, “Zhou”) in view of Wilce *et al.* (U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2003/0023527, “Wilce”) and Teng (U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2002/0152254, “Teng”). Claims 4, 7-9, 29, 30 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Zhou in view of Wilce, Teng and Dahlin *et al.* (U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2004/0122701, “Dahlin”). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1, 20, 27, 31 and 33 have been amended to incorporate the features previously recited in claim 19. As conceded by the Office at page 42, none of the cited references teach or suggest the features previously recited in claim 19. Accordingly, claims 1, 20, 27, 31 and 33 are allowable for at least the same reasons.

Claims 2-18, 21-26, 28-30, 32, 34-38, 40 and 41 are dependent claims and are thus allowable for at least the same reasons as their respective base claims.

CONCLUSION

All rejections having been addressed, Applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same. However, if for any reason the examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance or there are any questions, the examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (202) 824-3156.

Respectfully submitted,

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